IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: WAFER ROTARY HOLDING APPARATUS AND WAFER SURFACE

TREATMENT APPARATUS WITH WASTE LIQUID RECOVERY MECHANISM

Date: November 5, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified Divisional application, filed concurrently herewith. Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend

the above-identified Divisional application as shown on the following pages: